

In re Application of FOX et al.
Application No. 09/448,854

REMARKS

The Office action has been carefully considered. The Office action rejected claims 1-7, 14-21, 23-27, 29-45 and 56-68 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,230,266 B1 to Perlman et al ("Perlman"). The Office action rejected claims 8, 9, and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Perlman. The Office action also rejected claims 46, 49-52, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Perlman in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,285,991 B1 to Powar ("Powar"). Finally, the Office action objected to each of claims 10, 22, 28, 47, 48, 53 and 54 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated each would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter recited in claims 10, 22, 28, 47, 48, 53 and 54 is allowable. By present amendment, claims 8-10, 21-22, 26-45, 47 and 56-68 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 10, and claims 8 and 10 were canceled as duplicative. As a result, dependent claim 11 was respectively amended to refer to independent claim 1. Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 22 and intervening claim 21, and claims 21 and 22 were canceled as duplicative. Claim 46 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 47, and claim 47 was canceled as duplicative. Applicants submit that all the pending claims now include the allowable subject matter indicated.

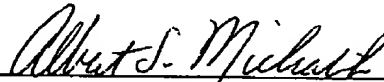
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7, 11-20, 23-25, 46 and 48-55 are patentable over the prior art of record, and that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

Respectfully submitted,



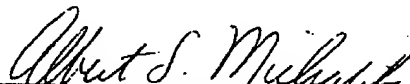
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